# South Carolina Department of Agriculture

## **Hugh Weathers, Commissioner**

Media Contact: Kelly Coakley, 803-734-2196, kcoakley@scda.sc.gov

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 9, 2013

## 2013 SC Waste Pesticide Recovery Collection Dates & Locations Set

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – The dates and locations are set for the 2013 SC Waste Pesticide Recovery Program. Based on surveys, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) has established seven locations across the state making it easy for South Carolina farmers, foresters, nurserymen, golf course operators, and custom applicators to safely dispose of old, outdated, unusable, or unwanted pesticides. The goal of the program is to increase proper management and disposal of unwanted pesticides.

The program is free and open to all private and commercial pesticide applicators in the state. Commercial applicators can bring up to 1000 pounds of solid and 55 gallons of liquid pesticides at no charge. However, commercial applicators will have to cover the cost for quantities over that limit. They will also need to notify SCDA.

#### **Program Guidelines:**

- No fertilizers, household chemicals, compressed cylinders or empty containers will be accepted.
- Pesticides include insecticides, herbicides, nematicides, fungicides and other similar products used in commercial agricultural production.

#### Collection Dates & Locations:

May 21, 2013 – Chester County Carolina Eastern, Inc. 534 Swift St. Chester, SC 29076 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 22, 2013 – Anderson County Southern States Cooperative 4010 South Murray Ave. Anderson, SC 29624 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 23, 2013 – Edgefield County Southern States Cooperative 96 Rosa Spring Rd. Johnston, SC 29832 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

June 11, 2013 – Jasper County
Jasper County Farmers Market
9935 Jacob Smart Blvd., South (Hwy. 17)
Ridgeland, SC 29936
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

June 12, 2013 – Orangeburg County Mixon Seed Company 1438 Joe S. Jeffords Hwy. Orangeburg, SC 29115 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

June 13, 2013 – Williamsburg County Carolina Eastern, Inc. 21 County Camp Road Kingstree, SC 29556 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

June 14, 2013 – Florence County
Pee Dee State Farmers Market
2513 West Lucas St.
Florence, SC 29501
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information, please contact John Stokes at (803) 737-9696 or <a href="mailto:jstokes@scda.sc.gov">jstokes@scda.sc.gov</a>. You can also contact Dan Schweitzer with MXI Environmental Services, the company handling the disposal. He can be reached at (804) 932-9530 or <a href="mailto:dans@mxiinc.com">dans@mxiinc.com</a>.

###